OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

MANAGING GOD'S RESOURCES

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Proverbs 21:20

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools swallow theirs up.

Scripture Lesson:

Proverbs 6:6–8

Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

Proverbs 30:24-25

There are four things on earth that are small but unusually wise: Ants—they aren't strong, but they store up food all summer.

GO TO THE ANT

(THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATION)

Three Reasons ANTS are not STRONG:

1. Physical Fragility

2. Lack Power

3. Collective Identity

African Proverb

"An ant on its feet can do more than an elephant lying down."

Financial Preparation Includes:

- *Building emergency savings*
- *Reinvesting wisely*
- *Avoiding unnecessary debt*
- *Creating multiple income streams*
- *Managing resources responsibly*
- *Planning for unexpected challenges*

WISDOM is about WORKING HARD. It is also about THINKING AHEAD.

PREPARATION is Stewardship.

Proverbs 10:4-5

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Four Financial Principles:

1. Lazy Hands Make For Poverty.

Poverty is not a number...it is a mindset.

Proverbs 14:23

Work brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty!

“Don’t ask God for money, ask Him for ideas, opportunities, connections and work.”

2. Diligent Hands Bring Wealth.

Diligence is “careful and persistent work or ethic.

Proverbs 12:24

The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 13:4

The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

3. He Who Gathers Crops in the Summer is a Prudent Son.

Poverty does not prepare; it is reactive. However, diligence prepares; it is proactive.

PRUDENCE is acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

“A good financial plan is a road map that shows us exactly how the choices we make today will affect our future.”

4. He who Sleeps During Harvest is a Disgraceful Son.

God will bring the harvest when we have done our part in being diligent.

Small Steps Create Big Results.

Success is rarely about one big decision—it is usually the result of many small, wise decisions repeated over time.